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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: ELF STATEMENT

REF: STATE 170872

1. REFTEL JUST RECEIVED AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY. LAST SENTENCE, ADDED BY REUTERS TO CORRESPONDENT'S TORY, INDICATES THAT DEPT. MADE SOME STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON JULY 19.

2. OUR BEST COURSE IN RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES HERE IS TO CONFINE OURSELVES TO READING VERBATIM TEXT OF WASHINGTON STATEMENTS, IDENTIFYING THEM AS SUCH. PLEASE FURNISH FULL TEXT ANY WASHINGTON STATEMENT SOONEST.

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3. OUT OF HOURS RECEPTION OF TELEGRAMS AT ADDIS AND ASMARA REQUIRES
NIACT PRECEDENCE.

4. OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION TO REPORTED ELF ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO
TREAT IT WITH RESERVE. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN INSURGENTS IN FIELD
AND EMIGREE SO-CALLED LEADERS IN MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS IS NOT GOOD.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ELF DAMASCUS REP. COULD HAVE MANUFACTURED
STATEMENT IN REFTEL, HAVING ONLY TEXT OF EPMG STATEMENT AS BASIS,
WITH MOTIVE OF GARNERING PUBLICITY FOR ELF AS OPPOSED TO PLF.
MOREOVER, WE NOTE THAT PRISONERS ASSERTEDLY HELD IN ASMARA. WHILE
THIS POSSIBLE, IT SEEMS (A) UNLIKELY (ASMARA PLEASE COMMENT) AND
(B) INTENDED TO INCREASE EMBARRASSMENT OF AN EPMG THUS
SHOWN TO LACK CONTROL EVEN IN THAT CITY.
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